

CLAIMS

1. A brassiere for use by a woman having asymmetrical breasts, such brassiere comprising

- 5 -a unitary body portion for encircling the chest of the woman,
- a first cup positioned by said body portion for disposition over one breast of the woman,
- a second cup differing in size from said first cup and positioned by said body portion for disposition over the other breast of the woman,
- 10 -each said cup being sized to comfortably receive and support the breast positioned therein.

2. A brassiere according to claim 1, characterized by

- said unitary body portion comprising
- 15 -a back section adapted to extend across the back of the woman,
- side sections adapted to extend from said back section around the sides of the woman, and
- front sections adapted to extend from said side sections across the front of the woman,
- 20 -said asymmetrical cups being carried by and positioned on said front sections for reception and comfortable support of the woman's asymmetrical breasts.

3 A brassiere according to claim 2, characterized by

- said back section, said side sections and said front sections defining an
- 25 elongate body portion having first and second ends and being adapted to encircle the woman's chest, and
- means for releasably connecting said first and second ends to secure said body portion around the woman's chest with the breasts enclosed within and supported by said cups.

4. A brassiere according to claim 3, characterized by said connecting means comprising

-receptor means carried by said body portion proximate one of said ends,

-grip means carried by said body portion proximate the other of said ends,

-said receptor and grip means being engagable to releasably connect said first and second ends of said body portion.

5. A brassiere according to claim 4, characterized by

-said first and second ends defining an opening located in the front of the body portion between said front sections, and

-said receptor means comprising loop members carried by one of said front sections,

-said grip means comprising hook members carried by the other of said front sections,

-said hook and said loop members being releasably engagable with one another to hold said ends of said front sections together to secure said body portion around the chest of the woman with the breasts enclosed within and supported by said cups.

6. A brassiere according to claim 4, characterized by

-said first and second ends defining an opening located in the back of the body portion generally centrally of said back section, and

-said receptor means comprising loop members carried by said back section proximate one of said ends,

-said grip means comprising hook members carried by the other of said back section proximate the other of said ends,

-said hook and said loop members being releasably engagable with one another to hold said ends of said back section together to secure said body portion

around the chest of the woman with the breasts enclosed within and supported by said cups.

7. A brassiere according to claim 5, characterized by

- 5 -a first panel extending from one of said front section ends and provided with hook material on opposite surfaces thereof,
- a pair of second panels extending from the other of said front section ends, said second panels being coextensive and provided on their inner facing surfaces with loop material
- 10 -said hook material on said first panel releasably engaging said loop material on said second panels upon positioning said first panel between said second panels and pressing said second panels together.

8. A brassiere according to claim 5, characterized by

- 15 -a first panel extending from one of said front section ends and provided with loop material on opposite surfaces thereof,
- a pair of second panels extending from the other of said front section ends, said second panels being coextensive and provided on their inner facing surfaces with hook material
- 20 -said loop material on said first panel releasably engaging said hook material on said second panels upon positioning said first panel between said second panels and pressing said second panels together.

9. A brassiere according to claim 1, characterized by the material of said breast cups and said body portion being sufficiently elastic to permit turning of the brassiere inside out to reverse the orientation of said cups.

10. A brassiere for use by a woman having asymmetrical breasts, such brassiere comprising

- 30 -a unitary body portion for encircling the chest of the woman,

-a first cup positioned by said body portion for disposition over one breast of the woman,

-a second cup differing in size from said first cup and positioned by said body portion for disposition over the other breast of the woman,

5 -each said cup being sized to comfortably receive and support the breast positioned therein,

-said body portion comprising

-a back section adapted to extend across the back of the woman,

10 -side sections adapted to extend from said back section around the sides of the woman, and

-front sections adapted to extend from said side sections across the front of the woman,

-said side sections terminating in first and second ends disposed proximate each other generally mid-point of the front of the woman,

15 -means for releasably connecting said first and second ends to secure said body portion around the woman's chest with the breasts enclosed within and supported by said cups,

-a shoulder strap extending between each of said front sections and said back section, and

20 -means for selectively adjusting the length of said shoulder straps to adjust the fit of the brassiere on the woman.

11. A brassiere according to claim 9, characterized by

25 said shoulder straps being selectively detachable from said front sections and said back section to provide a strapless brassiere.

12. A brassiere according to claim 2, characterized by said back section, said side sections and said front sections defining a continuous body portion of generally elastic material adapted to stretch sufficiently to permit donning of the brassiere
30 over the head and shoulders of the individual.

13., characterized by the material of said breast cups and said body portion being sufficiently elastic to permit turning of the brassiere inside out to reverse the orientation of said cups.

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14. A brassiere according to claim 13 characterized by

-a shoulder strap extending between each of said front sections and said back section, and

-means for selectively adjusting the length of said shoulder straps to adjust the fit of the brassiere on the woman.

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15. A brassiere according to claim 14 characterized by said shoulder straps being selectively detachable from said front sections and said back section to provide a strapless brassiere.